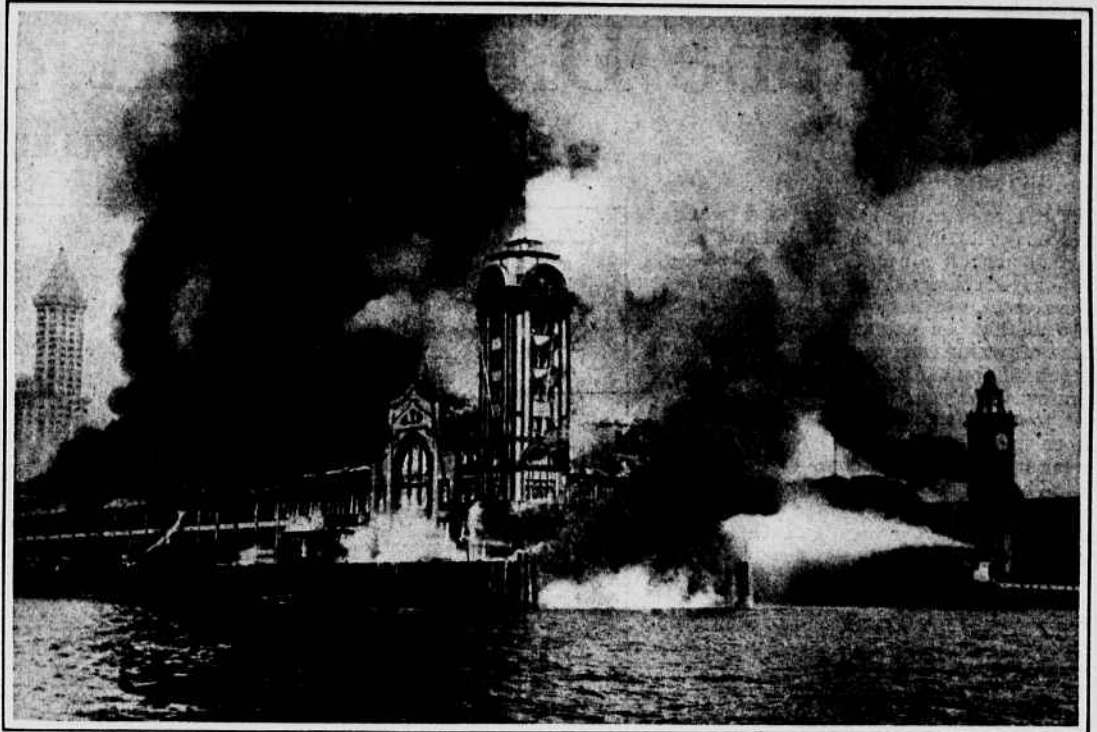




For a great wharf fire such as this, all of our big coast towns, Seattle, Boston, New York, are equipped with fire-boats, from which enormous streams of salt water can be thrown on the flames.

The Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood of 1889 took its toll of 2,235 lives and \$10,000,000 worth of property. An engineer named Traks, a second Paul Revere, raced his horse at top speed down the eighteen miles of valley in the dark to warn Johnstown, and thereby lost his life. Behind him a flood half a mile wide and forty feet high burst from its reservoir in Lake Conemaugh and churned the city below into chips.

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A cloudburst from the mountains winter before last, record seas running 200 feet above the normal surf line, and the Western Boulevard of Santa Barbara, known as the Riviera of America, was quite wiped out. For four days this beautiful Pacific coast city was shut off from the entire world.



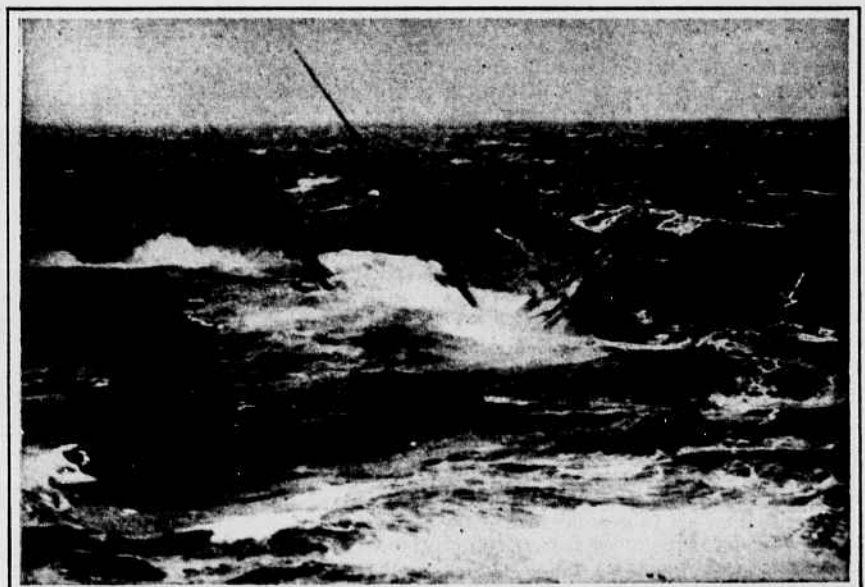
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Some two hundred soldiers were on their way from Fort Morgan to participate in the Alabama State Fair at Meridianville. A trestle crumbled under the weight of the coaches and they plunged to the bottom of the ravine, 60 feet below. When Captain Bernard Taylor called the roll a little later, only 52 responded.



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When Thomas A. Edison saw ten of his "fire-proof" buildings make a \$7,000,000 bonfire of themselves in West Orange last December, what he said was, "Tell everybody to report as usual to-morrow morning." Not one of the 7,000 employees was thrown out of work. But Mrs. Edison's first thought was for the inventor's laboratory. She went over and began to carry out the precious models, drawings and papers, and even pictures and ornaments. "My husband is used to seeing these about him," she explained.



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The Margery Brown, a four-masted schooner of 1,200 tons, sank fifteen minutes after her crew (arrow) had been saved. The men in the life-boat, with only one pair of oars left, had managed to reach the rim of the vortex. They were rescued by the Berlin, from whose deck this remarkable marine picture was made.